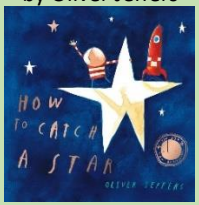
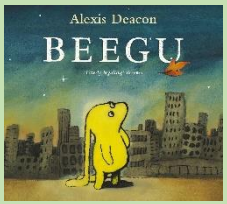
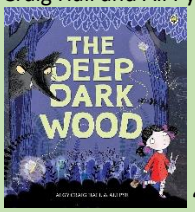
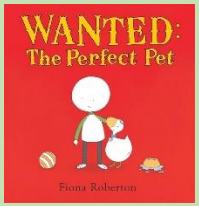
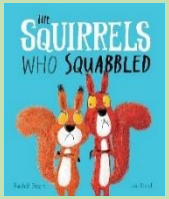
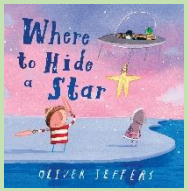
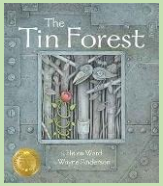
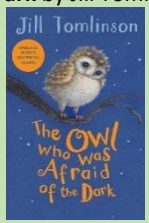
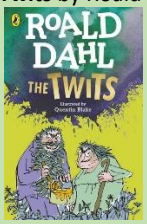
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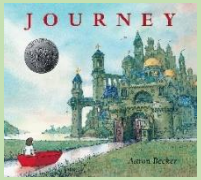
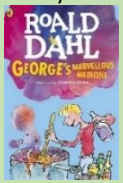
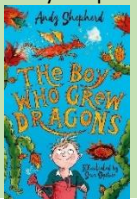
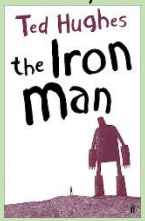
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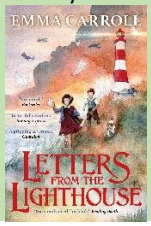
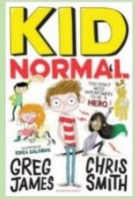
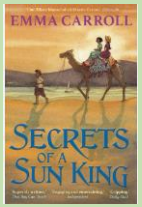
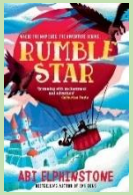
Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Penguins	**Whole School-The Day the Crayons Quit** Drew Daywalt **Elmer** by David McKee **Giraffes Can't Dance** by Giles Andreae **Ed Shed** **The Colour Monster** by Anna Lleanas **Penguin** by Polly Dunbar **Mixed** by Arree Chung **Little Red Hen** **Pumpkin Soup** by Helen Cooper **Only one You** by Linda Kranz **Super Duper You!** Sophy Henn And Tango Makes Three **Perfectly Norman** by Tom Percival ***Other texts linked to topic*** **<u>Writing</u>** Explorative mark making opportunities Mark making for meaning	**The Christmas Pine** Julia Donaldson **Meg and Mog** by Helen Nicoll **Room on the Broom** by Julia Donaldson **The Dark Dark Tale** by Ruth Brown **Fletcher and the Falling Leaves** by Julia Rawlinson and Tiphanie Beeke **Rama and Sita** by Malachy Doyle **Hanukkah Bear** by Eric Kimmel Non-Fiction books: Winter, Christmas and Hannukah themed ***Other texts linked to topic*** **<u>Writing</u>** Letters Lists Invitation	**Ridiculous by** Michael Coleman **Journey** by Aaron Becker **We're going on a Bear Hunt** by Michael Rosen **William Bee's Wonderful World of Thing That Go!** By William Bee **Night Pirates** by Peter Harris **Lost and Found** by Oliver Jeffers **Whatever Next** by Jill Murphy **Cars and Trucks and Things That Go** by Richard Scarry **Emma Jane's Aeroplane** Katie Haworth and Daniel Rieley **The Hundred Decker Bus** by Mike Smith **The Great Balloon Hullabaloo** by Peter Bentley **Non- fiction transport books** **Super Submarine book collection.** ***Other texts linked to topic***	**Paddington's Easter Egg Hunt** by Michael Bond and Karen Jankel **Santa Claus Vs the Easter Bunny** by Fred Blunt **The Very First Easter** by Kelly Pulley **Farmer Duck** by Martin Waddell **Mr Birdsnest and the House Next Door** by Julia Donaldson **The Three Billy Goats Gruff** **Chicken Licken** **Giraffe Can't Dance** by Giles Andreae **The Tiger Who Came Who Came for Tea** by Judith Kerr **Non-fiction Spring books** ***Other texts linked to topic*** **<u>Writing</u>** Poetry Non-fiction fact writing	**Jaspers Beanstalk by** Nick Butterworth **The Tiny Seed by** Eric Carle **Veg Patch Party** by Clare Foges and Al Murphy **Oliver's Vegetables** by Vivian French **Oliver's Fruit Salad** by Vivian French **Fruit and Vegetables** by Tracy Cottingham **SuperWorm** by Julia Donaldson **Pip and Posy: The Friendly Snail** by Axel Scheffler **The Enormous Turnip** Julia Donaldson and Axel Sheffler **One Little Frog (Life Cycles)** by Lesley Sims and Brendan Kearney **Non-fiction books about Planting SLS loan** ***Other texts linked to topic*** **<u>Writing</u>** Non- fiction finding out using different ways.	**<u>Other Reading texts</u>** **Traditional tales:** **Little Red Riding Hood** **Three Little Pigs** **The Three Billy Goats Gruff** **Goldilocks and the Three Bears** **The Gingerbread Man** **<u>Alternatives</u>** **Goldilocks in Space** by Peter Bently and Chris Jevons **The Gingerbread Man 2: What Happened Later?** By Stephen Dixon **Goldilocks and the Five Bear Families** **Non-fiction Summer books** ***Other texts linked to topic*** **<u>Writing</u>** Traditional Tales Drama Billy Goats' Gruff, Three Little Pigs, Gingerbread Man, The Little Red Hen etc. Sentences Retelling and ordering stories

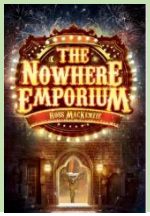
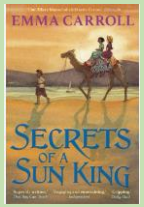
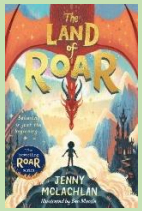
	Correct letter formation Writing names		**Writing** Labelling Instructions Sentences	Instructions Mothering Sunday poems and descriptions	Labelling Alphabetical order Recount Instructions	
Poetry/Nursery Rhymes	Heads Shoulders Knees and Toes Hey Diddle Diddle Jack and Jill	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I cought a fish Alive Humpty Dumpty Twinkl Twinkl Little Star	Here we go round the Mulberry Bush Row Row Row your Boat	Mary Had a Little Lamb Baa Baa Black sheep	Incy Wincy Spider 5 Little Speckled Frogs Mary Mary Quite Contrary	The Grand Old Duke of York Pat-a-cake Little Bo Peep

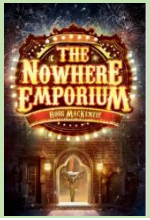
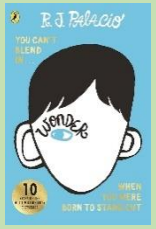
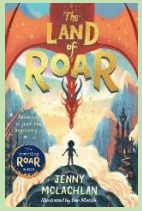
Robins	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Focus Text	**How to Catch a Star** by Oliver Jeffers 	**Mrs Mole, I'm Home** by Jarvis 	**Beegu** by Alexis Deacon 	**The Deep Dark Wood** by Algy Craig Hall and Ali Pye 	**Wanted: The Perfect Pet'** by Fiona Roberton 	**The Squirrels who Squabbled** by Rachel Bright & Jim Field 
Other reading texts	**Vlad and The Great Fire of London** by Kate Cunningham (Great Fire of London) **A Planet Full of Plastic** by Neal Layton (Recycling) **The Great Fire of London** by Liz Gogerly	**The Lonely Christmas Tree** by Chris Naylor Ballasteros (Inclusion) **Coming to England** by Baroness Floella Benjamin & Diane Ewen (Black History Month). **The Class Vote** by Deborah Chancellor (Democracy)	**Blue** by Sarah Christou (Mental Health) **The Rainbow Bear** – Michael Morpurgo (Inclusion) **The Proudest Blue** by Ibtihaj Muhammad & S.K.Ali (Equality & Diversity)	**Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion** by Shannon Stocker & Devlon Holzwarth (Deaf Awareness) **We are all inventors** by Kate Pankhurst (Stereotypes). **Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr** by Sara Khan (Ramadan)	**Here We Are** by Oliver Jeffers (Earth Day). **Wild Footprints** by Judy Wise, Kevin Howdeshell & Kristen Howdeshell (Earth Day). **Eli and the Uncles** by Jehan Madhani (Different Families)	**Forever Star** by Gareth Peter & Judi Abbot (LGBT Pride Month). **The Big Books of the Blue** by Yuval Zommer (World Ocean's Day) **The Girl Who Planted Trees** by Caryl Hart (Environment)
Poetry	**The Names I Give My Toes -** Kate Wakeling **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** – Michael Rosen		**Monster March** - Jane Newberry **Queue for the Zoo** – Clare Bevan		**Hide and Seek -** Matt Goodfellow **Now we are Six** – A.A. Milne	
Writing	**<u>Handwriting, Grammar & Sentence Focus</u>** Handwriting Practise (Daily) **(NF) Fact File:** About themselves	**(NF) Recount:** Apple making **Fact File –** All about an animal Meerkat **(NF) Letter:** Christmas Letter (Read, Write, Perform)	**(N) Character Description:** Create a lost poster for Beegu **(NF) Non- Chronological Report:** Africa **NF) Instructions:** How to make a jam sandwich	**(N) Character Description:** Monster Best Friend **(N) Narrative:** Write part of the story from the Wolf's point of view. **(NF) Recount:** School Trip	**(P) Poetry:** Free Verse (Literacy Shed) **(NF) Advertisement:** Write an advertisement for the perfect pet **(NF) Recount:** Retell their adventures with their perfect pet.	**(N) Narrative:** Setting Description (when the bird takes the pine cone). **(NF) Non- Chronological Report:** Animal of their choice.
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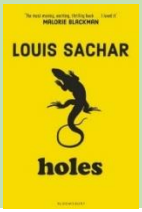
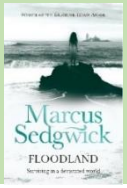
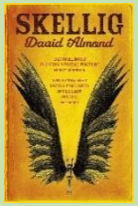
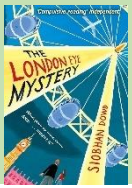
Owls	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Focus Text	**Where to Hide a Star** by Oliver Jeffers 	**Grandad's Secret Giant** by David Litchfield 	**The Tin Forest** by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson 	**The Barnabus Project** by The Fan Brothers 	**The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark** by Jill Tomlinson 	**The Twits** by Roald Dahl 
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Poetry	**Ready Steady Steam Train –** Kate Wakeling **Skeleton Pete** – Kate Wakeling		**The Little Pencil** by Matt Goodfellow **Down behind the Dustbin –** Michael Rosen		**The Washing Machine Jive** by Kate Wakeling **King of the Dinosaurs –** Aoife Mannix	
Writing	**<u>Handwriting, Grammar & Sentence Focus</u>** Handwriting Practise (Daily) **(NF) Fact File:** About themselves **(NF) Instructions:** How to catch a star	**(NF) Letter:** Christmas Letter (Read, Write, Perform) **(N) Character Description:** Description of their own giant	**(P) Poetry:** Repeating Patterns (Literacy Shed) **(NF) Setting Description:** Forest **(N) Narrative:** Journey of an object being thrown.	**(N) Non Chronological Report:** Creature from the book or a creation of their own creature. **(N) Diary Entry:** Choose an event in the book and write from Barnabus' perspective **(P) Poetry:** Shape and Diamante (Literacy Shed)	**(NF) Recount:** School Trip **(N) Narrative:** Plop's first flight (1st person) **(N) Character Description:** Create invent another owl who helps Plop with his worries	**(P) Letter:** Write a letter persuading the Twits to change their ways. **(NF) Non-Chronological Report:** Muggle-wump Monkeys **(N) Newspaper Report:** Dragon caught in the local Library.
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Woodpeckers	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Focus Text	**'The Journey'** by Aaron Becke 	**George's Marvellous Medicine** by Roald Dahl 	**Mary Anning: The Girl Who Cracked Open the World** by Debora Pearson 	**Libby and the Parisian Puzzle** by Jo Clarke & Becka Moor 	**The Boy who Grew Dragons** by Andy Shepherd 	**The Iron Man** by Ted Hughes 
Other reading texts	**Black and British** by David Olusoga and Jake Alexander (Black History Month). **Ady and Me** by Rich Pink and Rox Pink (ADHD Month) **The Accidental Prime Minister** by Tom McLaughlin (British Values)	**If I Were Prime Minister** by Trygve Skaug (Picture Book – UK Parliament Week) **Blitz: One Family's War** by Martin Impey (Remembrance). **Coming to England** by Baroness Floella Benjamin & Diane Ewen (Black History)	**Troll Stinks** by Jeanne Willis (Safer Internet Day). **Stone Girl Bone Girl: The Story of Mary Anning of Lyme Regis** by Laurence Anholt (Women in Science) **The Street Beneath My Feet** by Charlotte Guillian & Yuval Zommer (Rocks)	**Hidden Figures** by Margot Lee Shetterly (Stereotypes) **Lights on Cotton Rock** by David Litchfield (Science) **The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin** by Julia Finley Mosca (Autism)	**Over and Under the Rainforest** by Kate Messner (Rainforests) **The Picture Atlas** by Simon Holland (Planet Earth) **Picture Perfect** by Louise Forshaw & Serena Patel (Different Families).	**Ocean Meets Sky** by The Fan Brothers (World Ocean Day) **Flotsam** by David Wiesner (World Ocean Day) **The Brightest Start** by Meg Grehan (LGBT)
Poetry	**If I Was An Ant –** Kate Wakeling **Don't** – Michael Rosen		**The Dragon Who Ate Our School –** Nick Toczek **The Unspeakable Feeling** – Kate Wakeling		**Ride** – Matt Goodfellow **Lost for Words** – Jay Hulme	
Writing	**<u>Handwriting, Grammar & Sentence Focus</u>** Handwriting Practise (Daily) Slow Write (Weekly) Sentence Structures **(N) Setting Description:** Castle in 'The Journey' **(NF) Persuasion:** Letters for Pupil Leadership groups.	**(NF) Instructions:** How to make their own medicine. **(NF) Recount:** School Trip **(P) Poetry:** Kennings & Quatrains (Literacy Shed)	**(NF) Diary Entry:** Imagined diary entry from Mary Anning **(NF) Biography**: Famous Female Scientist **(P) Poetry:** Limericks & Clerihews (Literacy Shed)	**(NF) Persuasion:** France Travel brochure (or any country) **(NF) Newspaper Report:** Reporting on the daring jewel robbery. **(N) Narrative:** Write their own story about a character making a discovery.	**(P) Poetry:** Question and Answer (Literacy Shed) **(F) Narrative:** Write a chapter from a character's perspective. **(NF) Non-Chronological Report:** Dragons	**(N) Narrative:** To write a monologue from the Iron Man's point of view **(NF) Letter:** To write a letter from the Iron Man to the young boy.
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Swallows	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Focus Text	**'Letters From the Lighthouse'** by Emma Carroll 	**How to Train your Dragon** by Cressida Cowell 	**'Normal'** by Greg James and Chris Smith 	**'Secrets of a Sun King'** by Emma Carroll 	**Rumblestar** by Abi Elphinstone 	**The Last Bear** by Hannah Gold 
Other reading texts	**Black and British** by David Olusoga and Jake Alexander (Black History Month). **Ady and Me** by Rich Pink and Rox Pink (ADHD Month) **The Accidental Prime Minister** by Tom McLaughlin (British Values)	**If I Were Prime Minister** by Trygve Skaug (Picture Book – UK Parliament Week) **Blitz: One Family's War** by Martin Impey (Remembrance). **Coming to England** by Baroness Floella Benjamin & Diane Ewen (Black History)	**The Legend of Tutankhamun** by Sally Jane Morgan (Ancient Egyptians). **Martin Luther King Jr** by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara (Martin Luther King Jr Day). **Ish** by Peter H Reynolds (Children's Mental Health)	**The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Sr. Temple Grandin** by Julia Finley Mosca (Autism). **Happy Here** by Black British authors and illustrators (International Day of Happiness). **Hidden Figures** by Margot Lee Shetterly (Stereotypes)	**Over and Under the Rainforest** by Kate Messner (Rainforests) **The Picture Atlas** by Simon Holland (Planet Earth) **Picture Perfect** by Louise Forshaw & Serena Patel (Different Families).	**Flotsam** by David Wiesner (World Ocean Day) **The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs** by Kate Messner & Matthew Forsythe (World Ocean Day) **The Brightest Start** by Meg Grehan (LGBT)
Poetry	**School Tomorrow, Excuses For Mum –** Joseph Coelho **Press Start on Poetry** – Sam Gayton		**Keepy-Uppy Kid** – Rachel Rooney **Thought Machine** – Laura Mucha		**Rhythm of Life** by Michael Rosen **Free** – Kate Wakeling	
Writing	**<u>Handwriting, Grammar & Sentence Focus</u>** Handwriting Practise (Daily) Slow Write (Weekly) Sentence Structures **(NF) Persuasion:** Letters for Pupil Leadership groups. **(NF) Instructions:** How to be the Perfect Student	**(N) Recount:** School Trip (**NF) Non-Chronological Report:** Dragons **(P) Poetry:** Haikus, Tankas & Cinquains (Literacy Shed)	**(NF) Diary Entry:** Write about a day in school from the perspective of Murph Cooper. **(NF) Newspaper Report:** Superhero Saves City **(N) Narrative:** Write a story/event from the perspective of a villain	**(N) Narrative:** Tadeo Jones – Literacy Shed Plus **(NF) Biography:** Howard Carter **(P) Poetry:** Similes and Metaphor (Literacy Shed)	**(F) Narrative:** Write an alternative ending where the heroes defeat Morg in a different way. **(NF) Biography**: Environmental Activist **(NF) Travel Guide:** Persuasive writing linked to visiting Rumblestar	**(N) Character/Setting Description:** April's ride on Bear **(NF) Diary Entry:** From Dad's perspective about April's behaviour. **(P) Poetry:** Free Verse (Literacy Shed)
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Focus Text	**' A Series of Unfortunate Events** by Lemony Snicket 	**The Nowhere Emporium'** by Ross Mackenzie 	**'Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them'** by JK Rowling 	**'Secrets of a Sun King'** by Emma Carroll 	**'Murder by Midnight'** by Maz Evans 	**'The Land of Roar'** by Jenny McLachlan 
Other reading texts	**Brilliant Black History** by Atinuke and Kingsley Nebechi (Black History Month). **Check Mates** by Stewart Foster (ADHD Month) **The Accidental Prime Minister** by Tom McLaughlin (British Values)	**If I Were Prime Minister** by Trygve Skaug (Picture Book – UK Parliament Week) **Emmanuel's Dream** by Laurie Ann Thompson (Disability History Month). **Memorial** by Gary Crew (Remembrance)	**The Legend of Tutankhamun** by Sally Jane Morgan (Ancient Egyptians). **Martin Luther King Jr** by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara (Martin Luther King Jr Day). **Ruby's Worry** Tom Percival (Children's Mental Health)	**Frankie's World by** Aoife Dooley (Autism Awareness) **Hidden Figures** by Margot Lee Shetterly (Stereotypes) **El Deafo** by Cece Bell (Deaf Awareness)	**Dear Earth** by Clara Anganuzzi & Isabel Otter (Planet Earth) **Picture Perfect** by Louise Forshaw & Serena Patel (Different Families). **The River: An Epic Journey to the Sea** by Patricia Hegarty (Water Cycle)	**The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs** by Kate Messner & Matthew Forsythe (World Ocean Day) **Varmints** by Helen Ward (Environment) **My Shadow is Pink** by Scott Stuart (LGBT)
Poetry	**Nothing To Do -** Valerie Bloom		**Special Badger -** Matt Goodfellow		**The Climb -** Oliver Sykes	
Writing	**<u>Handwriting, Grammar & Sentence Focus</u>** Handwriting Practise (Daily) Slow Write (Weekly) Sentence Structures **(NF) Persuasion:** Letters for Pupil Leadership groups. **(P) Poetry:** Free Verse linked to Harvest (Literacy Shed)	**(N) Recount:** School Trip **(N) Narrative:** Create their own Nowhere Emporium Wonder. **(NF) Instructions:** How the Grinch Stole Christmas	**(NF) Non-Chronological Report:** Create their own Fantastic Beast **(N) Dialogue:** Write dialogue between a beast and a character from the book. **(NF) Persuasion:** Why do magical creatures need protection?	**(N) Narrative:** Prologue of The Great Wave **(NF) Biography:** Howard Carter **(P) Poetry:** Blackout Poetry (Literacy Shed)	**(NF) Letter:** A suspect writing a letter to prove their innocence **(P) Poetry:** Figurative Poetry (Literacy Shed) **(N) Narrative:** Write a sequel: introduce a new mystery	**(NF) Diary Entry:** Write a diary entry from Arthur's perspective after arriving in Roar **(NF) Newspaper Report:** Write a newspaper article about a dragon attack **(NF) Explanation Text:** How to survive in the Land of Roar
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Focus Text	**A Series of Unfortunate Events** by Lemony Snicket 	**'The Nowhere Emporium'** by Ross Mackenzie 	**'Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them'** by JK Rowling 	**Wonder** by R.J.Palacio 	**'Murder by Midnight'** by Maz Evans 	**The Land of Roar'** by Jenny McLachlan 
Other reading texts	**Check Mates** by Stewart Foster (ADHD Month) **Henry's Freedom Box** by Ellen Levine (Black History Month) **Stone Age Tablet** by Andrew Langley (History)	**Memorial** by Gary Crew (Remembrance) **What is Politics? Why should we Care? And Other Big Questions** by Michael Rosen and AnneMarie Young (Decmoracy) **The Fossil Hunter** by Kate Winter (Science)	**Small Things** by Mel Tregonning (Mental Health) **The Mystery of the Colour Thief** by Ewa Jozefkowicz (Mental Health) **Great Civilisations: The Maya** by Tracey Kelly (Ancient Maya)	**Song for a Whale** by Lynne Kelly (Deaf Awareness) **A Kind of Spark** by Elle McNicoll (Autism) **The Jane Austen Children's Stories Series** by Gemma Barder (International Women's Day)	**Shackleton's Journey** by William Grill (The Water Cycle) **Don't Panic! We CAN Save the Planet** by James Campbell (Earth Day) **Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth** by Frank Cottrell Boyce (Different Families)	**The Aquanaut** by Dan Sentat (World Oceans Day) **Greta and the Giants** by Zoe Tucker (World Environment Day). **I Am Not a Label** by Cerrie Burnell (Activists)
Poetry	**Tips for the New Boy** by Rachel Rooney		**The World Within My Bedroom** by Sam Gayton		**Star** by Michaela Morgan	
Writing	**<u>Handwriting, Grammar & Sentence Focus</u>** Handwriting Practise (Daily) Slow Write (Weekly) Sentence Structures **(NF) Persuasion:** Letters for Pupil Leadership groups. **(NF) Diary Entry:** Write a diary entry for the day of the theatre troupe dinner.	**(P) Poetry:** Poetry linked to Remembrance Day **(N) Narrative:** Create their own Nowhere Emporium Wonder. **(NF) Instructions:** How the Grinch Stole Christmas	**(NF) Non-Chronological Report:** Create their own Fantastic Beast **(N) Dialogue:** Write dialogue between a beast and a character from the book. **(NF) Persuasion:** Why do magical creatures need protection?	**(N) Monologue:** To write an internal monologue from a character's perspective. **(N) Narrative:** Prologue of The Great Wave **(NF) Speech:** Write an anti-bullying speech for a school assembly about why kindness matters	**(NF) Letter:** A suspect writing a letter to prove their innocence **(NF) Newspaper Report:** Write a newspaper article about a murder mystery **(N) Narrative:** Write a sequel: introduce a new mystery	**(NF) Diary Entry:** Write a diary entry from Arthur's perspective after arriving in Roar **(NF) Newspaper Report:** Write a newspaper article about a dragon attack **(NF) Explanation Text**: How to survive in the Land of Roar
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Focus Text	**Holes'** by Louis Sachar 	**'Room 13' by** Robert Swindells 	**Floodland** By Marcus Sedgwick 	**'Skellig'** by David Almond 	**The Final Year** by Matt Goodfellow 	**The London Eye Mystery** by Siobhan Dowd 
Other reading texts	**Check Mates** by Stewart Foster (ADHD Month) **Henry's Freedom Box** by Ellen Levine (Black History Month) **The Island** by Armin Greder (British Values)	**A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens (Short novel). **Memorial** by Gary Crew (Remembrance) **What is Politics? Why should we Care? And Other Big Questions** by Michael Rosen and AnneMarie Young (Decmoracy)	**The Arrival** by Shaun Tan (Inclusion) **Night Shift** by Debi Gliori (Mental Health) **Great Civilisations: The Maya** by Tracey Kelly (Ancient Maya)	**Song for a Whale** by Lynne Kelly (Deaf Awareness) **A Kind of Spark** by Elle McNicoll (Autism) **The Jane Austen Children's Stories Series** by Gemma Barder (International Women's Day)	**A Stage Full of Shakespeare Stories** by Alice Lindstrom & Angela McAllister (Shakespeare Day) **The Light in Everything** by Katya Balen (Different Families) **Old Enough to Save Enough the Planet** by Loll Kirby (Earth Day)	**The Aquanaut** by Dan Sentat (World Oceans Day) **Greta and the Giants** by Zoe Tucker (World Environment Day). **I Am Not a Label** by Cerrie Burnell (Activists)
Poetry	**First Day** by Matt Goodfellow **Everyone Comes From Somewhere** by Michael Rosen		**The Tyger** by William Blake **If** by Rudyard Kipling		**New Beginnings** by Tony Walsh **Bodies** by Kate Wakeling	
Spellings	**<u>Handwriting, Grammar & Sentence Focus</u>** Handwriting Practise (Daily) Slow Write (Weekly) Sentence Structures **(NF) Motivational Speech:** Warden to the staff or Stanley to his friends. **(NF) Diary Entry:** How to survive The Anderton Centre	**(NF) Formal Review:** Write a formal review about the guest house on Whitby's West Cliff. **(NF) Formal Letter:** Write a management response to the negative online review. **(P) Poetry:** Sonnet (Literacy Shed)	**(N) Narrative:** Prologue of The Great Wave **(NF) News Report:** Reporting on a recent flooding. **(NF) Speech:** Write a speech warning people about the dangers of rising sea levels	**(P) Poetry:** Narrative Poetry (Literacy Shed) **(NF) Non-Chronological Report:** Birds/Mythical Creatures linking to the themes of wings and flight. **(N) Narrative:** Retell part of the story from Skellig's point of view.	**(NF) Information Text:** How to Prepare for Secondary School **(NF) Letter:** Write a letter to the government about the SATS tests **(P) Poetry:** Classic Poetry (Literacy Shed)	**(NF) Recount:** School Trip to London **(NF) Travel Brochure:** Persuade people to visit London **(N) Narrative:** Write their own mystery/mysterious narrative e.g. the P.E Cupboard.
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